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Subject: FW: To Label, or not to Label? That would be the Question.

Sensitivity: Personal

> Dear Mr. L. Robert Lake

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> I have received information that a conference on the issue of
> Labeling genetically altered foods is going to take place very soon. I
> for one, am absolutely appalled that this even has to be "considered"
> at all. What has happened to the "Truth in Labeling Laws" in this
> country? The only possible reason that I can think of for NOT
> labeling how food is genetically altered or preserved by irradiation
> is that someone has something to hide! I don't like to be kept
> uninformed about important matters, do you? I don't like the idea of
> not having a choice about what I eat and what I feed my family because
> some "industry or company" out there thinks they know better than I do
> what is good for my body or my health. I AM ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ANY
> PROPOSITION BROUGHT BEFORE YOU THAT INDICATES NON-LABELING IS THE
> CORRECT PROCEDURE.

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> In truth, the ONLY reason for non-labeling these foods that could
> be presented to you would be economic in nature, ie; probable loss of
> some sales. What I am presenting here for your discernment is that
> the issue that the companies who are for non-labeling WILL NOT put
> forth for your inspection. It is the matter of "LEGAL CULPABILITY" in
> the very near future when some of these foods, by the unnatural way
> that they are grown, processed and preserved, will indeed create
> health problems! These same companies will "choose" to remain
> silent instead of responsible, hiding behind their profitable agendas
> while waiting for the HUMAN TEST RESULTS to come in. For myself, I
> will do my best to educate the population, one by one, if necessary,
> to what is going on here and who is responsible. My hope is, that your
> name will be mentioned as one of those who took a stand for allowing
> people to make a choice for their own health rather than one more
> politically aligned person in a position to do something good and
> honest and instead chose to keep us in the dark. Sincerely, Penni
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